മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : ഇതിനു ആവശ്യമുള്ള സംഖ്യ ബഡ്ജറിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതല്ലെ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ : പിന്നെ എന്താണു് ഇതു് തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ഇത്ര താമസം ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : ഇതിന്റെ എസ്റ്റിമേറും മറ്റും നോക്കുകയാണു്.

KARUVANNUR RIVER—BLOCKING AT MANJANKUZHI—GRIEVANCES ON ACCOUNT OF

166. Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of petitions submitted regarding the grievances sustained on account of the unusual blocking of the Karuvannur river at Manjankuzhi;

(*b*) who are all those petitioners;

(*c*) whether the public were given previous information regarding this blocking and were their objections considered before putting up the bund;

(*d*) are Government aware of the serious difficulties and losses sustained by the agriculturists below the Manjankuzhi Chira at Karuvannur, Moorkanad, Karlam, etc. and the public who used to transport timber, fuel and other hill and garden produces?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Eight.

(*b*) 1. Karuvannur Padanna Paraspara Sahaya Sangham.
2. Abdul Kadir (boatman).
3. Some of the inhabitants of Arattupuzha, Ettumuna and Karlom.
4. Karuvannur Union Tile Factory.
5. Kuttappan (boatman).
6. C. T. Joseph (do.)
7. Moosa (do.)
8. Seklavi (do.)

(*c*) The chira was put up due to scarcity of water in the Mundakan lands in and around Thottipal. There was no necessity to call for any objections. Nor was there sufficient time to do so.

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(*d*) Nobody is put to any serious loss by the early putting up of the chira. Timber and forest produce can be transported by land at a very little extra expenditure. On the other hand the early putting up of the chira has benefitted the Mundakan lands immensely.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Do the Government intend to have the chira put up like this every year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think it will be very desirable if this chira is put up early in Chingam every year.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND FANS IN PUBLIC OFFICES AT ERNAKULAM

167. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there are any public offices in Ernakulam which do not possess the advantages of electric lights and fans as also the names of such offices?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* All the offices at Ernakulam except the following have now electric light connections.—

1. The Munsiff's Court.
2. The Veterinary Hospital.
3. P. W. D. Overseer's Office.

Fans are provided in the offices of the heads of departments.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the Munsiff's Court at Ernakulam is situated above the Taluk Office?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Taluk Office has not got electric lights?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I cannot tell you off-hand. I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Then I will explain. There is absolutely no light in the Munsiff's Court and there is no fan either. But, when there is electric light in the Taluk Office downstairs, it is an easy matter for the Government without spending much money to give connection to the Munsiff's Court. It is only a suggestion.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I shall look into that.

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